

Crockets Knob Fire Update

NORTHWEST INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 12

Incident Commanders: Jeff Dimke and Bobby Shindelar

August 29, 2022

A community meeting will be livestreamed on Facebook tomorrow at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, August 30th. A Facebook account is not required to view the meeting:

<https://www.facebook.com/CrocketsKnobFire>

Weather: Temperatures will increase again today, following a warming trend that began yesterday. A cold front moving into the area may produce gusty winds that could increase fire behavior in the next few days in combination with rising temperatures and lower humidity.

Operations: Yesterday, crews and heavy equipment made good progress, improving road systems as containment line on the western flank. Masticators are being utilized to reduce fuel loads along FSR 45, removing brush and dead and down timber litter. Additional resources have been arriving to the fire to aid with line construction ahead of hotter and drier weather this week that could contribute to fire growth. A division of firefighting resources has been established which is dedicated to identifying potential structure or infrastructure protection needs and initial attack for new starts in the area. Scouting continues in roadless areas for opportunities to construct hand line with a high probability of slowing fire spread using natural terrain features.

Closures: Road, trail, campground, and area closures are in effect. An area closure is in effect starting at the junction of County Road 20 and FSR 45, east to Sunshine Guard Station, north on FSR 2000909 to the junction at FSR 4550, northeast on FSR 4555, then northeast to Sunrise Butte Trail #255, northeast to the junction with Princess Trail #251, east to Blue Mountain Trail #6141, northwest to FSR 45, and back south to the junction of County Road 20. All boundary roads and trails will be closed EXCEPT County Road 20 from the junction of FSR 45 to the junction of FSR 2000909 at Sunshine Guard Station. For full area closure information and map, please visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/malheur>

Smoke may be visible to nearby communities and Forest visitors. Smoke and air quality impacts within the state can be monitored by visiting: <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com>



Quick Facts:

SIZE: 1,632 Acres

CONTAINMENT: 0%

CAUSE: Lightning

PERSONNEL: 352

LOCATION: 19 miles north of Prairie City

FIRE INFORMATION:

541-625-0892

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FACEBOOK:

<https://www.facebook.com/CrocketsKnobFire>

INCIWEB:

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8355/>

TEMPORARY FLIGHT RESTRICTION

There is a Temporary Flight Restriction over the Crockets Knob Fire area. Wildfires are a No Drone Zone - if you fly, we can't.